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RCA 88423

First named inventor: Harold Blatter

Application No.: 09/269,684

Group Art Unit: 2615

Filed: March 30, 1999

Examiner: Robert Chevalier

Title: Digital Recorder With Trick Play Operation

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 31, 2003, the Examiner is thanked for the allowance of claims 9, 10 and 15 - 19. The following remarks are provided for the Examiner's consideration:

Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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Listing of the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

6. (Cancel) A record and replay apparatus comprising:
 - a source of an MPEG bit stream signal coupled to an input of said apparatus for recording;
 - a first transducing means for recording a digital signal representative of said MPEG bit stream;
 - a control means coupled to said MPEG bit stream signal and generating a signal indicating an intra coded frame occurrence in said MPEG bit stream;
 - a second transducing means for recording and reproducing a reference signal; and,
 - means responsive to said indicating signal for generating an identifying signal for recording with said reference signal.
7. (Cancel) The recording and replay apparatus of claim 6, wherein said first transducing means reproduces said recorded signal in a reproducing mode comprising a sequence of play and fast play modes responsive to a stored sequence of play and fast play mode commands controlled by said control means.
8. (Cancel) The recording and replay apparatus of claim 7, wherein said control means initiates said reproducing mode responsive to said identifying signal coupled from said second transducing means.

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9. (Previously amended) A recording and replay apparatus comprising:

a source of an MPEG bit stream signal coupled to said apparatus for recording;

means coupled to said MPEG bit stream signal for generating a record signal representative of said MPEG bit stream signal;

a pair of record transducers each aligned for recording said record signal and having complementary azimuth angles; and,

a control means coupled to receive a signal identifying an intra coded frame occurrence in said MPEG bit stream signal and controllably coupled to said generating means, wherein responsive to said identifying signal said control means initiates recording of a record signal representative of an intra coded frame part of said MPEG bit stream by a predetermined one of said transducer pair having a specific azimuth angle.

10. (Previously amended) A recording and replay apparatus comprising:

a source of an MPEG bit stream signal coupled to said apparatus for recording;

means coupled to said MPEG bit stream signal for generating a record signal representative of said MPEG bit stream signal

a record transducer pair having complementary azimuth angles for recording said record signal;

a recording head coupled to a control track signal generator and generating a control track signal for recording;

a control means for receiving a signal identifying an intra coded frame occurrence in said MPEG bit stream signal, said control means being controllably coupled to said record signal generating means and to said control track signal generator; and,

responsive to said identifying signal said control means enabling said record signal generating means for coupling a record signal representative of an intra coded frame part of said MPEG bit stream for recording by a predetermined one transducer of said transducer pair having a specific azimuth angle, and responsive to said identifying signal said control means modifies said control track signal for recording.

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15. (Original) A recording and replay apparatus with trick play reproduction mode comprising the steps of:

- a) initiating a play mode;
- b) determining an average number of control track pulses occurring between I frames;
- c) selecting a trick play mode;
- d) counting control track pulses to determine an average value;
- e) testing a count for equality with said average number; and,
- f) initiating said play mode at count equality.

16. (Original) The recording and replay apparatus of claim 15, wherein said step b) additionally comprises:

controlling average determination responsive to a reproduced I frame mark.

17. (Original) The recording and replay apparatus of claim 15, wherein said step b) additionally comprises:

controlling determination of average responsive to an I frame indicator decoded from reproduced data.

18. (Original) The recording and replay apparatus of claim 15, wherein said step d) additionally comprises:

controlling counting responsive to a reproduced I frame mark.

19. (Previously added) The recording and replay apparatus of claim 10, wherein said control track signal is coupled to a single transducer and recorded with a longitudinal track placement.

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REMARKS

Claims 6 - 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) as being unpatentable over Masako et al. Claims 9,10 and 15 - 19 are allowed.

Claims 6, 7, and 8 are cancelled.

Claims 9,10 and 15 - 19 are allowed and applicant respectfully requests issuance of a notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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